

Weather Forecast

Strong winds, turning colder today. Snow flurries today and tonight, low 15 to 20. Tomorrow cloudy, windy, cold. (Full report on Page A-2.)

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Blizzards Paralyze Pittsburgh, North Ohio; Wind Rips New York; Bethesda Blast Shuts Off Power

Heaviest Snows Of Recent Times Tie Up Industries

By the Associated Press

Great storms buffeted the Eastern half of the Nation today, bringing the heaviest continuous snowfall in history to Pittsburgh, paralyzing transportation in Northern Ohio and raking the New York Metropolitan area with hurricane force winds.

At least nine persons perished as the storms picked up tempo. The bitter cold spread to the South and subfreezing temperatures were expected at Miami, Fla., tonight. Snow fell as far south as Georgia and Alabama and the Gulf Coast.

In addition to the Ohio and Pennsylvania blizzards, the snowstorm began tying up Detroit.

More than 16 inches of snow had fallen in Pittsburgh and

Storm Lashes Maryland and Virginia, Bay Warnings Changed.

Details of Ohio Storm.

17 to 15 inches more was expected. The city's essential services were crippled and transportation was at a standstill in many places. Big department stores did not open.

United States Steel Corp. announced it is starting to shutdown Pittsburgh district plants employing more than 50,000 because it is unable to get manpower and materials in and out of the places. Said a spokesman:

"It is a very serious situation."

Worst Ohio Blizzard.
The Northern Ohio blizzard was described as the worst in modern times. Transportation and industry was at a virtual standstill in Cleveland, Youngstown, Akron, Canton and Warren.

The snow measured more than 18 inches and a Weather Bureau forecast said it might reach 30 inches. The snow began yesterday.

The Cleveland Transit System said it was operating only a few vehicles and probably would withdraw these from service as the snow grew deeper. Most workers were unable to get to their jobs and night shift crews could not get home.

The Cleveland Coast Guard station said it had a report that a tugboat had sunk in the entrance of the Toledo harbor. Ten persons were reported aboard.

Houses Blown Down.
The hurricane-force winds swept sea water at least a mile inland over five Staten Island (N. Y.) beaches, tumbling houses and blowing down trees. At least one man was killed as a result of the storm.

Mitchell Air Force Base at Mitchell Field, N. Y., reported steady 83-mile-an-hour winds and idled airport reported gusts of 76 miles an hour with an average velocity of 60 miles. The Bear Mountain weather station reported one gust of 96 miles an hour.

In Pittsburgh, five men died of heart attacks combating drifts which piled up everywhere.

Airlines canceled flights in and out of Pittsburgh. Long-distance buslines attempted to operate, but a Greyhound dispatcher said:

"Everything is getting tied up now. It's getting as bad as it was in 1944 when nothing moved. It's particularly bad going west into Ohio."

Trains Hour Late.
The Pennsylvania Railroad reported its trains running an average of an hour late.

City trolley and bus lines struggled to keep up service but made little headway. One bus line reported it could not get its 45 buses out of the garage. Many people had to walk miles to work through snow far above the knees.

Some Pittsburgh area buildings were reported collapsing under the weight of the snow.

Suburban Aliquippa police said a Kroger store caved in, causing \$15,000 damage. Pittsburgh police said five porches collapsed on one

(See BLIZZARD, Page A-2.)

Two New Comics To Start Monday

Two new comics will start Monday on the daily comic pages of The Star. One is "The Jackson Twins," a sparkling daily and Sunday feature on the adventures and misadventures of two pretty teen-agers who look so much alike that sometimes even they are confused. The other is a heart-warming daily strip on the doings of "The Toddles' family."

"The Toddles" has been featured frequently in The Sunday Star for several years. The daily strip begins with a particularly appealing Christmas story. Look for both "The Jackson Twins" and "The Toddles' Monday, November 27, in

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Storm Center Hovering Here; Year's Low Expected Tonight

First Snow Begins to Hit Capital; Possible Minimum of 15 Forecast

The "dead center" of the most vicious blizzard of the year was hovering directly over Washington this afternoon and the Weather Bureau warned that tonight will be the coldest of the year.

The temperature plunged from 56 degrees at 8 a.m. to 33 degrees at 1 p.m. and the forecaster said it will drop to between 15 and 20 degrees tonight.

Shortly before 1 p.m. north-west winds accompanied by snow flurries hit the city. The snow here, the Weather Bureau predicted, will not be deep enough to disturb traffic.

At noon the storm, swirling on the fringe of Washington, had begun to whiten nearby Maryland and Virginia counties with snow.

Lorton Reformatory reported the rain suddenly increased in intensity shortly after 11:30 and then turned into snow, hail and sleet. Snow was reported in Alexandria.

Campaign Is Pushed To Check Inflation By Voluntary Means

Top Labor and Industrial Leaders to Hold Secret Meeting on Tuesday

By James Y. Newton

The Government today pushed an all-out drive to curb inflation by voluntary means without resorting to compulsory price and wage controls.

As part of the plan, a group of top-level labor and industrial leaders are planning a secret meeting in New York Tuesday with the idea of finding ways to maintain a high-level and healthy civilian economy under the impact of the huge military defense program.

The meeting carries the blessings of top Federal officials concerned with mobilization and stabilization. Two of those invited to attend are involved in what is regarded as the greatest inflationary threat of the day. They are John Stephens, vice president of United States Steel Corp., and CIO President Philip Murray, who is also head of the United Steelworkers Union.

Johnston Arranging Meeting.
The steelworkers are about to gain a voluntary wage increase which is estimated at about 15 cents an hour. That will certainly bring an increase in steel prices, but the Government is pressuring steel producers to hold the price rise to a minimum.

Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Producers' Association and former head of the United States Chamber of Commerce, reportedly is arranging the New York meeting. Others invited to attend are AFL President William Green, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and Fowler McCormick, chairman of the International Harvester Co.

There also were these other developments:

1. The Wage Stabilization Board, personnel of which was announced by President Truman yesterday, will hold its first meeting Tuesday. It will hold its first meeting Tuesday.

2. Two Democratic Senators spoke out in favor of pushing the fight against inflation with heavier taxes and more curbs on credit before turning to price-wage controls.

Will Start Work Tuesday.
Members of the wage board, headed by Cyrus S. Ching, will be sworn in at 10 a.m. Tuesday. After that they will go into executive session to begin their study of the national economic picture.

On the congressional front, Senator Douglas, Democrat, of Illinois, said he feels the main reliance now should be on higher taxes and credit restrictions. But he warned that prices and wages will have to be controlled if military spending goes above \$40 billion.

Senator Fulbright, Democrat, of Arkansas, said he fears that a move toward imposing price and wage controls at this time might discourage or delay action on taxes and credit curbs. This, he added, would be a costly mistake.

It was learned that Chairman Symington of the National Security Resources Board has invited

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Electric Failure Called Worst in 15 Years Here

A terrific blast during an electrical storm early today partially destroyed a \$500,000 power distribution station at Bethesda and deprived thousands of homes and business firms of electricity in the Bethesda, North Chevy Chase and Rockville area.

The explosion occurred at 5:28 a.m., presumably after heavy bolts

of lightning had stepped up the 33,000 volts being fed into the key Potomac Electric Power Co. substation on Georgetown road at Del Ray avenue, Bethesda.

Robert E. Scott, an assistant foreman and "trouble shooter," who happened to be in the automatic station checking on the effects of the storm, escaped injury by diving under a work table on the ground floor.

Heavy Wall Torn Out.
The explosion which followed a short-circuit flash tore out the heavy rear wall, separating some sections of the two-story building, wrenched out steel casement windows and scattered glass and bricks for 50 to 100 feet.

Windows were broken in the nearest residence, about 100 feet away, but no one was injured. Neighbors several blocks away heard the explosion.

Pepco officials said they could not estimate the number of patrons deprived of electricity, although they admitted the trouble was "the most serious and extensive we have experienced in 15 years."

Partial Service Restored.
By mid-morning emergency crews had rigged circuits by-passing the blasted station, and at least partial service had been restored. Meanwhile, Pepco officials said that power will be returned to virtually all lines by mid-afternoon.

Pepco officials called on patrons in the affected area to use as little electricity as possible until normal service can be restored.

No official estimate of the damage was available, although the top floor of the building and much of the equipment apparently was a total loss.

Vaporized Oil Blamed.
Repairmen believed that extraordinarily heavy flashes of voltage on the main line vaporized the oil in the automatic circuit breakers, creating a gas which ignited.

J. H. Ferry, vice president of the power company, told reporters at the scene it was the worst failure of a circuit breaker in more than 15 years of his experience with the local company.

Ordinarily no workmen are present in the station at that hour.

Hospitals Get Auxiliary Power.
Auxiliary plants were turned on at the Naval Medical Center and the National Institute of Health, and power on their lines was restored at 7:30 o'clock. Meanwhile, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad set up its generator to supply essential power to Suburban Hospital at Bethesda.

The hospital at Sandy Spring also obtained auxiliary power.

The substation supplies only part of the power in the Bethesda, North Chevy Chase area, but is the only source in the Rockville, Gaithersburg and Norbeck areas.

Other Smaller Failures.
Power failures independent of the Bethesda disruption occurred in the Potomac and Beltsville areas about 1:20 a.m., and at Wheaton around 4:30 a.m.

The interruptions were believed due to lightning, and damage was believed small.

There was additional inconvenience in some of the latter areas, where no gas service is available, and residents rely for

(See POWER, Page A-2.)

Weatherman Explains How Cold Wave Was Delayed Here

An unusually strong low pressure area which moved into Virginia shielded Washington last night and threw a monkey wrench into the Weather Bureau's prediction of 20-degree cold and snow flurries, forecasters explained today.

The cold blast was heading this way yesterday, virtually unchecked, forecasters said, when a low pressure area formed in Western North Carolina and moved into Virginia.

This low center, they explained, was a sort of buffer area between the warm air and fast-moving cold winds. A strong circulation of winds was set up, which pushed against the cold air moving in.

As a result, instead of snow and subfreezing temperatures, Washington and other areas to



The Atomic Energy Commission Releases Hitherto Secret Information . . .

GW Plays GU at Stadium Today With Game Rated as Tossup

14 Georgetown and 8 George Washington Seniors Wind Up Collegiate Grid Careers

By Merrell Whittlesey

Georgetown and George Washington, who usually are even money when they go to the post, meet in another tossup football game at 2 o'clock today at Griffith Stadium.

Miserable weather figured to cut attendance appreciably, with prospect of only 5,000 or so fans likely to brave a weather report which called for rain changing to snow, strong winds and temperature dropping below freezing.

George Washington has the best record, four victories and four defeats, against a pair of triumphs and six defeats for the Hoyas, but Georgetown is considered to have played a tougher schedule. In

fact, three of Georgetown's opponents, Fordham, Tulsa and Miami, have lost only two games between them.

After dominating this spasmotic series from 1898 through 1946 with 14 victories and a scoreless tie in 1907, Georgetown started running into trouble in 1947. The Colonials held them to a scoreless tie that year.

When Bo Rowland took over in 1948, his GW team became the first to beat Georgetown in football, winning 13-7 in Jack Hart's last year as Hoya coach. The Colonials made it two straight last year with a convincing 28-7 triumph in the same

(See GAME, Page A-2.)

Suitland Gunmen Hold Up Poker Game, Flee House With \$600

Bandits Were Foiled In Earlier Attempt To Rob Nearby Cafe

Two youthful bandits broke up a Suitland (Md.) poker game with a \$600 robbery at gunpoint early today after being thwarted in a previous holdup attempt, Prince Georges County police reported.

The masked men held up George M. Beltz, 4825 Meadow View road, Suitland, and, while one guarded the door, the other robbed Mr. Beltz and four friends who were playing cards in his kitchen.

Bandits Thwarted.
Quick thinking on the part of two men at Hainey's Bar, not far from the Beltz home in Suitland, prevented an earlier holdup there when they slammed the door in the faces of the two youths. They defied threats of shooting.

Charles Phillips, 206 Woodland road, Morningside, said he and another man, Torrence Cease of Hillcrest Heights, held the door of Hainey's Bar against determined efforts of the bandits to push their way in.

"It was just after closing time and we were waiting for our wives who work at the bar to finish up," said Mr. Phillips, "and there was \$800 or \$700 in receipts on the bar being counted."

"Stick 'Em Up."
"I opened the door to let the orchestra members out when a hand holding a pistol was stuck through the door and a man said, 'Stick 'em up, this is a holdup.'"

"I slammed the door on his hand and the two robbers began pushing on the door. Mr. Cease joined me and the door locked shut."

Mr. Phillips said he was told, "Let us in or somebody will get shot."

Police said the two holdup men then apparently ran to the Beltz home about a block away and walked in the unlocked front door.

"The first thing we knew, a man was pistol in his hand," Mr. Beltz said. "He had his cap pulled down over his forehead, and was wearing sun glasses and had a bandanna over his face."

"This is not a toy I'm holding. If you don't believe me just make a move," Mr. Beltz quoted the bandit as saying.

The five card players were ordered into the pantry and the robbers scooped up bills lying on the poker table and ran out after switching off the kitchen light.

Wherry Nominated For Senate Vacancy On Foreign Relations

Butler, Who Heads G. O. P. Assignments Committee, Sponsors Colleague

By J. A. O'Leary

The name of Minority Leader Wherry of Nebraska was entered today in the lively race developing among Senate Republicans for the one new seat they will get on the Foreign Relations Committee in January.

Senator Wherry, an outspoken critic of the State Department, was suggested by his colleague, Senator Butler of Nebraska. Coming from that source, the suggestion may be more than a complimentary nomination, because Senator Butler is chairman of the Republican committee in charge of committee assignments.

Senator Wherry, who was still in Omaha yesterday, told reporters there that the most important job ahead of the 82d Congress would be removal of Secretary of State Acheson. Senator Butler made it clear that he was suggesting Senator Wherry for the Foreign Relations post without having talked to him about it.

Battle For Post Predicted.
Senator Butler disclosed at the same time that he has received six or eight applications for the assignment to Foreign Relations and predicted a "battle for the post."

If such a battle takes place it could become a test of strength

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Formosan and Korean Charges Come Up in U. N. Council Today

Chinese Reds Waiting to Present Their Claims of American Aggression

By the Associated Press

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 25.—With a Chinese Communist delegation waiting to state its charges of American aggression, the United Nations Security Council meets today to grapple with the Formosan and Korean problems.

The 3 p.m. session was ordered unexpectedly by Council President Ales Beber of Yugoslavia. He acted after U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie conferred with the Chinese Communist emissaries who arrived in New York early yesterday.

It previously had been reported that the Council would not meet before next Tuesday or Wednesday. Placing both the Korean question and the Chinese Communist complaint of United States aggression against Formosa on the Council agenda seemed to have some special significance.

Questions Called Inseparable.
The Chinese Communists, in agreeing to send a delegation to Lake Success to discuss their charges that the United States is guilty of aggression in Formosa and Korea, have insisted that the Formosan and Korean questions were inseparable. They have accused the United States of aggression against both territories.

The Chinese Communists rejected an invitation from the Security Council to discuss Gen. MacArthur's accusations that Communist China has intervened in the Korean conflict.

Formosa, the last-ditch island stronghold of the Chinese Nationalists, came under the protection of the United States 7th Fleet at the start of the Korean war.

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Elizabeth Flies to Malta For Reunion With Duke
By the Associated Press

LONDON, Nov. 25.—Princess Elizabeth flew through fog today for a pre-Christmas reunion at Malta with her sailor husband, the Duke of Edinburgh.

Her departure was delayed two hours, until the fog lifted sufficiently for her plane to take off. She spent the time in a private lounge playing canasta.

Her son and daughter, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, remained in London.

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2 Prisoners Escape by Bending Annapolis Jail Bars With Hands
By the Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Nov. 25.—Anne Arundel County police today were hunting two "excellent prisoners" who escaped from the county jail yesterday by the simple expedient of bending the window bars with their hands.

Sheriff Charles M. Russell said that "the bars outside the windows were corroded to such an extent that all they had to do was to pull them apart. The bars bent like sausages."

Alarms have been sent out to 16 stations to apprehend the escapees, Robert Tinsley, 18, and Thomas Queen, 25, colored. They slipped out of a window on the second floor of the Calvert Street Jail.

"I cannot understand it," Mr. Russell said. "They were excellent prisoners. They had only been in jail a short time, and Queen would have been eligible for parole soon."

Queen was sentenced this week to 18 months in the House of Correction on a larceny charge. But he had spent almost three months in jail before his trial.

Tinsley, a soldier, was booked on charges of breaking and entering and larceny. He had been jailed less than a month awaiting grand jury action.

"To my knowledge only one prisoner has escaped from the jail previously," Mr. Russell said. "That happened over a year ago, but he hasn't been caught."

The sheriff added he had known about the condition of the bars for some time. He said he had repeatedly sought appropriations to insure greater safety measures, but had not received them.

First Big Battle Of Allied Drive Appears Near

Reds Concentrating Troops at Western End of U. N. Line

By the Associated Press

TOKYO, Nov. 25.—Enemy troops swarmed toward the front in Northwest Korea today under relentless air attack for a probable showdown battle with advancing Allied forces 50 miles from the border.

Already South Koreans on the extreme east flank of the Allied advance were under bruising counterattack. The enemy had driven a wedge 6 miles deep into the lines.

Pilots spotted 5,000 or more enemy troops "swarming all over the countryside" near Kusong, ahead of the United States 25th and 2d Divisions on the northwest sector of the front.

Divisions Moving Ahead.
A 9th Corps spokesman said both divisions were moving ahead against the stiffest resistance in the two-day-old offensive, which is designed to end the war in Korea quickly.

Elements of the 25th Division seized heavily defended heights two miles southeast of strategic Unsan, which is 50 miles from the border. A briefing officer said the enemy then loosed a counter-attack which still raged into the night.

The Reds were fighting from log-covered dugouts. These were struck by dreaded jellied gasoline firebombs dropped by fighter-bombers in close support. The positions were enveloped in flames.

Chongju Captured.
Gains on the winding 80-mile front ranged up to 6 miles, with Chongju falling to the Americans on the left flank of the concerted drive.

A United States 1st Corps spokesman described the Red attack as the first major reversal of the two-day offensive which Gen. MacArthur hopes will end the war by Christmas.

The Reds penetrated the South Korean Division to a point near Yongun, 22 air miles east of Tokchon, on the far right flank of the northwest front. The spokesman said the Reds presumably were Chinese.

Trying to Turn Flank.
It appeared that the Reds were trying to turn the flank of the offensive, but it remained to be seen in what strength. Prisoners captured yesterday said a full Chinese division was dug in about 10 miles north of Yongun.

The highway hub of Chongju fell to a tank-led task force of the United States 24th Division without a fight.

Chongju is 51 road miles south of the Yalu River border city of Sinuiju, main gateway for Chinese Communists entering the war. Patrols of the 24th struck north 2 miles outside Chongju toward Kusong. In that sector there was no resistance.

Earlier today, the offensive was death another, but minor, setback in the center of the line. In the Taechon area, 22 miles northeast of Chongju and on the 24th's right flank, the South Korean 1st

(See KOREA, Page A-3.)

Super-Heavy Stalin Tank Destroyed on Korea Front
By the Associated Press

UNITED STATES 8th ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, Nov. 25.—A Joseph Stalin III tank, one of the newest and heaviest Russian tanks, has been encountered for the first time in the Korean war, an 8th Army spokesman said today.

The 24th Division reported destruction of the tank 3 miles due west of Pakchon on the north-west front.

The spokesman said he had no further details on the Russian tank, believed to be the latest and heaviest of all the Stalin-type tanks. They are newer than the Soviet medium T-34 used in Korea.

He said in reply to questions he did not know why the troops would have destroyed such a valuable piece of ordnance and said he suspected it was set afire by bazookas in action.

The same elements of the 24th Division destroyed a self-propelled gun and a T-34 in the same area. The weapons had been abandoned, the spokesman said.

Featured Reading Inside Today's Star

WASHINGTON: PRESENT AND FUTURE.—Washington's parks and recreation areas must be planned for visitors as well as residents. Adequate standards of park needs, and plans for meeting them, are discussed in today's installment of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Comprehensive Plan on Page A-11.

NEW FACES IN CONGRESS.—The Star's review of new legislators turns today to a new Senator, but a familiar Capitol Hill figure, Representative Smathers, Democrat, of Florida. Significance of his victory in both the Democratic primary battle and the Senatorial election is discussed on Page B-5.